

### SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

This Amendment amends Claim 1; and adds new Claim 21. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for Claim 1 is found in the specification at least at page 19, line 7 ("average droplet diameter  $\leq 1$ , referred to as miniemulsions"). Support for Claim 21 is found in Claim 1. No new matter would be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-21 will be pending in this application. Claims 1 and 21 are independent.

### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of the remarks that follow.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Office Action at page 3, section 4, lines 1-3. However, for the reasons given below, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their representative during the personal interview on July 27, 2006.

As discussed at the personal interview, the present invention provides a process for preparing aqueous olefin dispersions whose polymers have high molecular weights. Specification at page 6, lines 44-46.

Claims 1-2 and 4-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over WO 01/44325 ("Kristen"). For the Examiner's convenience, attached is the specification of U.S. Application No. 10/168,113, which is the U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP/00/10244, which published as Kristen.

Kristen discloses a process for emulsion polymerizing olefins by reacting the olefins with one or more complex compounds.

However, Kristen fails to suggest the independent Claim 1 limitation of "polymerizing a *miniemulsion* having an average droplet diameter  $\leq 1000$  nm of one or more olefins in an aqueous medium in the presence of one or more dispersants, and, optionally, of organic solvents". Kristen also fails to suggest the independent Claim 21 limitation that "X: is nitrogen atom (N)".

Thus, the rejection over Kristen should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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